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Nickel-Collection

Every High School pupil ought to do his utmost in helping the school which furnishes him with an education and prepares him, either for college, or for the business world.

Whether it be the former or the latter course that is given him, the intentions of the school are the same. Its aims are to make his future bright and prosperous.

In the same way, every loyal student should do his utmost to make his school independent and prosperous by giving it his support.

There are more ways than one of giving support. First, by daily attendance, second, by learning one's lessons, third, by engaging in the school athletics and activities and "last but not least"—by the new "Nickel Collection."

This collection, while only demanding the small sum of five-cents a week from each pupil, does more for the school than can be imagined.

First, the school is made more independent of outside support. Then, again, it can carry on its activities better, and so, give its pupils more enjoyment, satisfaction and pride in their school than ever before.

Are you "Doing Your Bit?"

Submitted by—Y. C. Hebert '19

School Clubs

From a development standpoint, school clubs are very essential to the student of the High School. A great deal of talent and ability often lies, more or less dormant in a pupil because the school does not offer a definite opportunity, outside the classroom, to express or develop his particular talents. Having no outlet, his desire to accomplish that which he feels he has in his power to do, gradually dies away and is lost.

It is the duty of every student to himself and the school to find a place in the school life where he can bring to light the best that is in him. Thus, students developing this side of their education may stand better chances of becoming great men and women: members of debating clubs may become lawyers, those who interest themselves in literary club work may become writers; members of mathematic clubs often get their first incentive for the study of engineering in the High School.

Another great factor in the development of a student lies in his association with other fellows at these clubs, and the exchanging of ideas with them. Also the field of competition is very wide in school clubs, and this serves as an incentive for the pupil to put forth his best efforts.

Florence D. Levinson '19



Mr. Joshua Peasly Is Initiated

Mr. Joshua Peasly of Countryville, Maine, was on a visit to "his sister's darter, Mary Jane's" home in a large metropolis. At first Mr. Peasly had intended to stay only a few days, but Mary Jane at last persuaded him to prolong his visit to the city, (it was not often that a city was honored by his presence), saying that the "ceows" would be just as well off as when he was home.

On this day, Mary Jane was compelled to go to a suburban town. Mr. Joshua flatly refused to go if he would have to ride on "them beastly folly cars." So his niece had to leave him to amuse himself.

"Wa-al," he drawed, "mebbe I'll go out and take a walk."

Putting his word to action he put on his coat and hat, locked the house, and sallied forth on an unknown expedition. However, it was to prove a surprise.

In his walk Mr. Peasly came to a gorgeously decorated building. Flag electric lights of all colors were in clusters, while on the top was a huge, flaring sign which read "The Palace."

"Wa-al, now, I knew they had such things in foreign countries, but I declare I didn't know Mary Jane was living so near royalty!" said the old man.

Another sign met his eyes. On it was printed in large, black letters, "To-day, Charlie Chaplin and Mary Pickford."

"Now I suppose they are the king and queen of this palace," decided Joshua.

As he was walking on, looking at "The Palace" he saw a sign, "Welcome!"

"Wa-al, if they're a'go'in' to welcome me, I might as well go in," and in he started. Suddenly he was confronted by a young man who barred his way.

"Now, young feller, ye needn't try to stop me, 'cause when I start to go into a place, palaces included, I gin'rally go!" was Joshua Peasly's speech.

"Well, you'll have to have a ticket or you don't come in," was the reply.

He pointed out the ticket window, and Joshua Peasly was surprised at the idea of paying with a welcome over the door, but he resolved to see the palace, so he went to the window.

"How much d'ye want?" asked he.

"Fifteen or twenty cents," answered the pretty ticket seller.

"Are you the queen's darter?" asked Joshua, who seemed to have forgotten that he was after a ticket.

"No, I ain't no queen's nor king's daughter, either," said Miss Snappy.

"Oh! I thought you was a princess," returned the gentleman from Maine.

"Hurry up! Don't your common sense tell you that there's a line of people waiting for you," said Miss Ticket Seller.

"Tell 'em I won't see 'em," said Mr. Joshua, who had made a mistake.

"Fifteen or twenty?" asked the poor girl in the ticket office.

"One!" was the unexpected reply. Then, "You didn't think I was a-goin' to pay for the bunch, did ye?"

A giggle ran thru the line.

"Twenty cents," from Not-a-Princess.

Joshua paid the required admission and went to the door.

"Your ticket please," from an usher.

"Ho! If you want a ticket you can buy one!"

"Well, I have to look at the number of it so as to find you your seat," said the usher.

"Do ye! Well, the number is nine hundred and one," said Joshua, keeping his ticket.

He was soon seated. The usher told him the show would begin in about three minutes.

Mr. Joshua Peasly was surprised. "I didn't know kings and queens made shows of themselves, but mebbe this is goin' to be a hexhibition of them." Joshua was satisfied with this explanation. The usher came to him and said,

"This is your last chance to buy a box seat. Only ten cents more."

"No siree!" cried out Peasly in a loud voice. "This here seat is better than a soap-box, no siree!"

Nearly everyone in "The Palace" had heard him and laughter reigned. The usher himself could not resist it, and while others laughed, Joshua wondered.

Then all of a sudden the lights went out, and "The Palace" was in pitch darkness. Joshua screamed in a louder voice than before, "Hey! what d'ye mean, ye fakirs! I knew there was some scheme connected with this! Now I understand! You are goin' to try to rob me, that's it! I'll expose ye! every-one of ye!"

Say! If you ever heard much noise or laughter you would realize what it was like in "The Palace." The orchestra started playing and the photo-plays began. Mr. Peasly enjoyed the show immensely. The last we hear of him in this story is:

"Wa-al, that there queen looks a lot like my sister's darter, Mary Jane, only Mary Jane takes more pride with her hair; she don't have it falling all over her head like the queen, p'raps it's just as well."

John Connors

Honor and Credit List for First Semester

Honor List

Pupils whose rank in each subject is 90 % or above.

Elizabeth Acly	John Frank	Helen Rohan
Dorothy Bartlett	Dorothy French	Hubert Shepardson
Arline Bates	Florence Hickey	Dorothy Somes
Blanche Bouteiller	Jane Hoag	Dora Sussman
Francis Claffie	Elladorea Huthsteiner	Ida Viale
Helen Doyle	Dorothy Keepke	Edna Volin
Isabel Foster	Marion Patten	Marion White

Credit List

Pupils whose general average is 85 % or above.

Esther Abrahms	John Farrell	Gladys Musgrove
Charles Allan	Katherine Flynn	William Nealon
Anna Aronstein	Mary H. Flynn	Ruth Nesbit
Bessie Aronstein	Edna Friss	Clara Noble
William Bagg	Constance Gamwell	Mary M. O'Brien (com'l)
Harry Baker	Salome Gasson	Edwin Osteyee
Henry Barber	Mary Gaul	Clifton Palmer
Rachael Barnes	Richard Gaul	Sarah Palmer
Elizabeth Barry	Harriet Gehrken	Margaret Pease
Ronald Bassett	Mildred Goodrich	Robert Peck
Rebecca Baz	Ruth Gorfinkle	Anna Peirce
Irene Bliss	Charlotte Guerdon	Harriet Pemble
Harriet Bly	Claude Halford	Mildred Perry
Ethel Bohan	George Halford	Audrey Pilon
Desdomona Boudreau	Vera Harper	John Power
Clifford Briggs	Gladys Hayn	Eva Prediger
Christina Burns	Margaret Heaney	Dora Raabe
Gertrude Burns	Lewis Heidel	Katherine Reagan
Anna Cain	Clarissa Henry	Walter Reagan
Esther Cande	Marion Herman	Dorothy Rose
Mae Carey	George Hoag	Beatrice Rowan
Grace Carrier	Rayner Hubbel	Hyman Sandow
Madeline Carroll	Doris Humphrey	Marion Sargent
Louise Cassell	Lena Isringhaus	Kenneth Semple
Carol Chandler	Ariel Jacobs	Flora Shepardson
Anna Cheyne	Rose Jaffe	Marion Sheridan
Carolyn Chown	Helen Jenks	Francis J. Shields

Mary Chown	Theodore Kallman	Norman Shippey
Mary Ciaburri	Hyman Katz	Simon Skolotsky
Eleanor Clark	Rose Katz	Helen C. Smith
Mildred Clarke	Robert Kenyon	Irene Staples
Robert Clark	Claire Kevlin	Elizabeth Stridsberg
Wilmot Clarke	Margaret Kevlin	Dora Sturgis
Anna Coakley	Thomas Killian	John Sullivan
Helen Coakley	George Kittridge	Florence Sussman
Alice Coffey	Arthur LaBrode	Madeline Taylor
Grace Corkhill	Gladys Lenihan	Jean Tolman
Carolyn Cottrell	Nathan Levine	Carl Uhrig
Edwin Cranston	Sadie Levinson	Vera Unbehend
Grace Cranston	Mary McColgan	Helen Vogel
Alice Crawford	Katheryn McGrath	John Ward
Katherine Cronin	Elizabeth McLaughlin	Helen W. White
Gladys Danes	Hope McQuaid	Ruth L. White
Lauretta Dansereau	Regina Madden	Kenneth Wiley
John Dickson	Mario Marchisio	Kenneth Williams
Carl Dole	Paul Marcil	Gladys Wiswell
Myla Doran	Lester Martin	Benjamin Wolfe
Minnie Dorgan	Edwin Marsh	Ethel Wulff
Catherine Drennan	Margaret Marsh	Bertha Young
Orā DuBois	Irene Messier	Myrtle Young
Elizabeth Eldridge	Bessie More	Ethel Zander
Elizabeth Enright	Anna C. Murphy	Minnie Zukerman

The following pupils have been awarded forty-word certificates for efficiency in typewriting:

Mabel Milnes	Florence Fields	Marguerite Loveless
Helen Welz	Lena Isringhaus	Mary Gaul
Azella Mackown	Florence Levinson	Esther Baillargeon
	Elizabeth Barry	

The following pupils have been awarded Primary or twenty-five word certificates for efficiency in typewriting:

Jennie Chesney	Azella Mackown	Carol Chandler
Lena Isringhaus	Harriet Pemble	Benjamin Gitelman
Orena Langlois	Ethel Wulff	Alfred Jacoby

Report Submitted by Y. C. H. '19

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Girls' League Notes

An interclass series of basketball games has been played this season, in which the Seniors have won the most games. The girls on the first Senior team are Alice Steele, Grace Cranston, Alice Coffee, Zelda Laul, Peggie Kirk and Estelle Kevlin.

On February 14 a game was played between the Freshmen who attend school in the morning and those who attend in the afternoon. The morning Freshmen won with a score of 21 to 4.

The first of a series of three "boy" dances was held in the gymnasium on January 10. The hall was prettily decorated with American flags. Alice Steele and the committee of which she was chairman are to be congratulated for making the affair a success.

About fifty couples attended the second dance of the same series, held in the gymnasium on February 10. Marion Meehan and her committee decorated the "gym" with Japanese lanterns and quaint hangings. During the intermission the guests were favored by a vocal selection by Katharine Rohan, also by an aesthetic dance called "The Wild Bird" which was very gracefully interpreted by Marion Britt.

Washington's Birthday was observed at the Girls' League by a colonial wedding which was attended by one hundred and fifty girls in costume. Marion Cooke made a very charming bride. The bride-groom was Peggie Kirk. Mary Gaul who performed the ceremony kept everyone in gales of laughter by her original version of the marriage ceremony. During the bridal reception the guests danced several old-fashioned dances, after which, a social hour was observed.

Margarette C. Pease, '21

Camp Fire Notes

There are one hundred and fifteen Camp Fire girls in the city. They are divided into nine groups, as follows:

Canteyucan Campfire	Guardian, Mrs. K. Powell
Ocawasin Campfire	Guardian, Miss A. Ogden
Onota Campfire	Guardian, Miss L. Melody
Kodo-Kununka Campfire	Guardian, Miss C. Ogden
Pootauswachoca Campfire	Guardian, Miss D. Dorringer
Saccarappa Campfire	Guardian, Miss G. A. Peaslee
Shoon-Keek-Moon-Keek Campfire	Guardian, Miss M. Mefler
Wawillomawa Campfire	Guardian, Miss E. Chesney
Wadawechick Campfire	Guardian, Miss S. Coffey

One hike, two parties and two suppers have been held.

One group is very busy making their ceremonial dresses.

The Canteyucan group have visited the Telephone Exchange, the Eagle plant and Eaton, Crane and Pike Company. They are also organizing an orchestra consisting of nine pieces.

Another group has visited the Fire Station.

The last of the Red Cross story books have been handed in and sewing will be done in some groups next.

The Bluebirds, the younger sisters of the Campfire Girls, have studied interesting bits of Pittsfield's early history during the last month.

Frances Fowler '21

Y. M. C. A. Notes

A Hi-Y club has been formed and any member of the high school is welcome to join.

Three of our prominent members, Claude Halford, Herbert Bauer and Lynwood Becker, leave for Mt. Hermon School, April 15.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. minstrels were tendered a banquet, March 26.

The following members of the high school went to the Y. M. C. A. Conference at Springfield: Claude Halford, Kenneth Williams, Albert MacArthur, John Reichard, George Halford, Rapheal Hilberg, Winton Patnode, Robert Clarke, Harold Holdridge and George Kittridge.

Saturday, March 15, was State Boys' Day and was observed by the Pittsfield Y. M. C. A.

George Kittridge '20

F. M. T. A. Notes

The officers of the Junior Literary society of the F. M. T. A. for the month of April are: President, Frank Owen; Vice-President, Gerrald Messer; Secretary, Joseph Gaul; Treasurer, Edward Quinn.

Many interesting and exciting debates have been held during the month of March.

On March 15, State Detective Thomas E. Bligh gave a very interesting talk to the members of the society. William F. Garrity of the 37th division, who has had active experiences in France with this division talked to the members on March 22.

The committee to arrange for the banquet of the society, which will be held in a short time, are Frank Shields, John Power, Joseph Gaul, Boyd Hamilton and Thomas Killian.

On April 6 a mock trial was held. The defendants were charged with stealing a second-hand Ford from a junk shop. After an exciting trial the defendants were acquitted.

J. T. H. '21

CLUB NOTES

Young Men's Debating Club

On December 2, 1918, the Young Men's Debating Club of Pittsfield High School was organized with the assistance of Mr. Burke.

Since that time the club has had many interesting and spirited debates and discussions. These debates and discussions were very instructive to the members and helped to develop many good debaters.

The present officers of the club are: President, John T. Power; Vice-President, Louis Merriam; Secretary and Treasurer, James Foley. The total membership of the club is fifty-one.

The club has an excellent program for the next few weeks.

T. J. K. '21

Electrical Club

The Electrical Club was organized in December, 1918 and the following officers were chosen: President, Howard Tuggy, Vice-President, Bertrand Cornelius; Secretary and Treasurer, George Halford. During the following term the different kinds of magnets were taken up and the telegraph was studied.

At the beginning of the next semester the new officers were elected as follows: President, Frank Foster; Vice-President, William Sundstrom; Secretary and Treasurer, Hubert Shepardson. The work taken up so far this term includes a thorough review of the telegraph, the study of Tesla's high frequency coil and the X-Ray. It is intended in the near future to take up the wireless.

To the person who wishes to learn the fundamentals of electricity, the electrical club is the one to enter.

Hubert Shepardson

Camera Club

The Camera Club began with twelve members. In February, it was reduced to eight by the graduation of some of its members.

The Club at first had papers read concerning interesting topics in photo-

graphy. One, especially, "What Constitutes a Good Picture?" occupied many meetings. Another, which was described and explained at length, was the theory of lenses. Later, a bibliography was begun of all the books and articles in the Athenaeum on all subjects pertaining to photography. The bibliography is not finished yet, but will soon be ready.

Mr. Sylvester gave the Club instructions in picture taking, and developing. Many meetings were spent by the Club outside the building taking pictures of many interesting things. Later the pictures were developed in the dark-room on the third floor. The chemicals and the necessary apparatus were obtained by Mr. Sylvester. Members were urged to bring their films for developing in school. Mr. Sylvester has also been very generous in letting the club use his two cameras and films which he himself supplied.

H. E. Acly '20

French Club

The French club is organized under the leadership of Miss Bates. The officers are: Ora Ford, President; Isabel Foster, Vice-President, and Carl Dole, Secretary. The entertainment for each meeting is provided by a committee of two members, appointed by the President. All conversation in the club is carried on in French, therefore, the members receive excellent practice in speaking this language, both correctly and fluently.

At each meeting, after the report of the secretary is read, the President calls on the members for short speeches on current topics. After these have been given the rest of the meeting is entirely in the hands of the entertainment committee.

The club is now holding rehearsals for a play "Les Deux Sourds" ("The Two Deaf People") which will be presented shortly.

Edna P. Volin

Latin Club

Yes, fellow students of the Pittsfield High School, there is a Latin Club. Perhaps from the name you would picture a dry, uninteresting club. But if you could attend one of our meetings held Tuesday mornings in Room 15, your opinion would quickly change. This club takes as much interest in its work as any other club organized in this school, perhaps more.

At the first meeting, held April 9th, 1918, the following officers were elected: President, Dorothy Hodecker; Vice-President, Dorothy Koepke; Secretary and Treasurer, Waldo Shipton. The members of the Executive committee are Zelda Sagaren and Carolyn Hyde.

Since the club has been organized much ground has been covered. Perhaps the meeting that stands out as the most important is the one at which Miss Belden, a former member of our faculty, gave an address on the daily life of Cicero. Each part of Cicero's day was taken up in detail so that the club obtained a valuable knowledge of a typical Roman day.

Two most exciting matches were held in which each side gave the meaning of Latin words. The match worked much like a spelling match, the side winning which had the most members standing when time was up. Some work has been done in translating Latin verses and stories into English. Along with the reading of articles written by classical professors on the practical use of Latin, the Latin Club finished a very pleasant semester.

The club was re-organized in December and the following officers were elected: President, Edwin Cranston; Vice-President, Florence Hickey; Secretary and Treasurer, Clark Harding.

Special work has been done on derivations of English words from the Latin. It is surprising to see how many of our English words used in daily conversation come almost directly from the Latin. Perhaps the most important work undertaken by the club was the mounting on charts of material showing the practical use of Latin in business. Advertisements have been cut out of newspapers and magazines and have been neatly mounted by members of the club on charts. The purpose was to show that Latin is of some use in the world today, after all.

But in closing let us hesitate a moment, for this article would not be complete unless some mention were made of our Supervisor, Mr. W. D. Goodwin. He has carefully cared for the club and it is owing to his untiring energy and useful advice and assistance that we have a Latin Club worthy of our school.

Clark Harding
Secretary

Choral Club

The Choral Club gave a concert in the High School auditorium on Friday, evening, January 24, 1919 at 8 o'clock. The concert was conducted by Prof. Charles Smith, assisted by Minnie F. Sample, soprano and H. F. West, pianist and accompanied by the High School orchestra.

The orchestra gave several selections and Mrs. Sample sang two solos accompanied by Mr. West. The club was very fortunate in having Mrs. Sample with it. Her appearance was greeted by hearty applause. The club deserves much credit for its work.

Graduation night the Choral Club gave a concert from 8.00 to 8.30. This was greatly enjoyed by all and helped give gayety to the evening.

E. M. G. '21

Alumni Notes

Several members of the class of February '19 have returned to the school and are taking a post-graduate course.

John Southern '15 who has just returned from France gave the school a very interesting account of some of his experiences while over there.

Flora Shepardson '19 has opened a public stenographer's office in the Berkshire Life Insurance building. The school wishes her every success in her venture.

Carolyn Cottrell '19 has returned to her home in Kansas after having completed her high school course here.

Margaret Barnes '19 has joined her father in Virginia where she will make her home.

At a recent meeting the post-graduate class elected William E. Bagg, Jr., president and Ruth White secretary and treasurer. This is the first post-graduate class ever organized.

Kenneth Williams '19 has gone to Watertown, N. Y., to his uncle's chemical works. Watch for an explosion.

Olin Hunt '17 and Merrithew Crawell '18 are candidates for the track team of Colgate University.

Margaret Whitmire '18 and John Dickson '18 are taking a post-graduate course.

JOKES

A Give-Away

Teacher in English Class—"You know that Satan always finds work for idle hands to do. You may take out your books and go to work."

Freshman (handing editor some jokes)—"I have some peaches here."

Miss Ryan (after reading them)—"I think we'll can them."

Papa—"Bobby, if you had a little more spunk you would stand better in your classes. Now, do you know what 'spunk' is?"

Bobby—"Yes, sir. It's the past participle of 'spank'." —*Ex.*

Mr. Goodwin—"What do you consider the greatest achievement of the Roman people?"

Student—"Talking Latin."

Mr. Hewitt—"I told you to notice when that solution boiled over."

One of the Leftovers—"I did. It was a quarter to eleven."

J. Alberts—"Fishing ought to be good sport for the P. H. S. students."

Victim—"Why?"

J. Alberts—"Because we have 'Bates' a-plenty."

Senior—"Gee, the world is changing!"

Freshman—"How's that?"

Senior—"We were reading about the Islands of He-brides in our English class."

Heard at Commercial

I

Typewriter to the pencils said,
"Now, will you tell me please,
Why, when I have no doors nor locks,
I have so many keys?"

II

"We do not know," the pencils said,
"It's queer as quadrupeds!
But can you tell us why we wear
Our rubbers on our heads?"

Mr. Sylvester in Algebra class—"Power, give the square root of —."

J. Power gave correct root but the wrong sign.

Sylvester—"No! No 'Power' on this earth can change those signs."

Mr. Carey—"Oh, little things don't count."

Mr. Burke—"They don't! Well, you ought to hear my little three-year-old son."

Burke's Conciliation

I

Burke on Conciliation can't be beat
Reading that speech is certainly a treat
You have to read it o'er and o'er.
And then go back and read it some more.

II

About the fifth time you get sore
And wonder what it's all about,
And wish your outline were made out.
Of course we know it's simply great
Mr. C. has told us that enough of late
But when you just can't go to sleep,
Try reading Burke's Conciliation Speech.

M. G. '20

A raw recruit on the train—"What's the name of this river?"

Experienced traveler—"This is the Delaware River."

Raw recruit—"Stop your joshing. It can't be. I don't see George Washington crossing it."

"I'm having my tooth out tomorrow!"

"Going to have gas?"

"I should think so! You don't get me sitting in the dark with any dentist!"
—Ex.

Teacher—"Now, can you tell me where the Greeks made their last stand?"

Small Boy—"Sure. They just put one up next to Casey's."

Nelson—"What's the matter with you?"

Sarcastic Sufferer—"I swallowed a dime. Do you notice any 'change' in me?"

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Idiotorial

Alas and alack! The "Bug House Bugle" is no more. (Applause) It has followed the way of other great masterpieces of literature --to the wastebasket!! (More applause). It has gone out of existence! Prolonged and deafening cheering) to be superceded by the "Hot Air Herald". (Groans). The Public, however, will not be the losers!! We bind ourselves to do our subscribers just as well as did our predecessors!! (Groans and wails mingled with threats). In fact, with the protection of the police and the faculty, we'll do better—if we can! And now to work.

New News and Old (Mostly Old)

The Misses Sara Chain, Ida Hurwitz and Anna Martin are intending to take up social work. They contemplate opening up a home for donkeys. This way gentlemen!

Do You Want to Join the Army? Fill Out This Blank.

What is your name? Answer yes or no.....

Where, when and why were you born?.....

Have you ever been in jail, reformatory or penitentiary.....

If not, why not?.....

How much pay do you expect.....

How often do you expect it.....

State in what part of the body you prefer to be shot.....

I, the undersigned do solemnly swear and maintain that the above questions, are to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

I further swear that I will fight till I run and run till I die.

General Information

By Miss Leading

General Information,

Dear General: Why are most of the male members of the faculty bald-headed?

Ans.: For the same reason that grass never grows on a busy boulevard.

Dear General: Why do so many of us fail in our studies?

Ans.: Possibly because fools can ask more questions than wise men can answer.
Phil. Lunker

Dear General: As one teacher of the faculty, how can you keep the pupils quiet in class rooms.

Ans.: You might try gagging them.

Dear General: How can I stop growing?

A Tall Girl.

Ans.: Ask John Frank, he knows.

Dear General: Who owns the High School, the city or the State?

A Freshman.

Ans.: Well, we're not sure, but we think the Seniors do.

Dear General: Is it true that German candidates for office are allowed to run only once?

Ans.: No, twice; once for office, and once for life.

Just Imagine —

(Outsiders don't attempt)

Principal Hulsman not advocating a new building.

The *Student's Pen* without its staff.

The Pittsfield High School Orchestra without Mr. Smith.

Farrel not amending a motion in class meetings.

"Ken" Wiley without Ethel Wulff and the other way round.

Grace May in a very, very, sad mood.

Professor Bates one head taller.

Anybody more popular than Mr. Sylvester and his camera.

Extemporaneous speaking at the P. H. S. without John Albert.

Miss McCubbin forgetting to assign a stenograph lesson.

A Freshman in long trousers.

Frank Shields without a smile or an office in Senior class.

Yvonne Hebert "getting anybody's goat."

A successful Senior Play without Miss Converse.

Submitted by

F. Levenson '19

S. Levenson '20

ATHLETICS

P. H. S. Football Season

The P. H. S. football season came to an unexpected end last fall on account of the Spanish Influenza epidemic. In order to prevent the spread of the disease the school was closed and the football team was disbanded contemporaneously.

The team played but one game, and that was with the Drury High School, our High School's ancient rival. The game was played in North Adams. Drury received an overwhelming defeat, the score being 25 to 0 in Pittsfield's favor. The team had all the earmarks of a champion squad, and would surely have won the Berkshire County football pennant, when you consider the fact that Mr. Charles Knight of the faculty was Coach, had not the Influenza epidemic interfered. Our team was expected to live up to the traditions

of former football teams of the High School. Judging from the opinion of all those who saw the Pittsfield High School team defeat Drury it certainly would have maintained the desired pace. The team was composed of nine veterans and several new men.

In the game with Drury it wasn't a case of there being but one star on the Pittsfield's team, but a group of stars. The backfield of our team which was composed of Frank Mangan, "Benker" Britt, "Stuffy" McGinnis and Claude Halford, gave a wonderful exhibition of football.

The line of the Pittsfield team which was composed of Mattoon, Wood, Naughton, Sundstrom and Foss, formed a veritable stonewall on the defense and was a rushing lion on the offense. The wings of the team were protected by Fox and Garbarino. These two men were as fleet as the wings of birds in breaking the interference of the opposing team. Thus, we had a team composed of stars not only in theory, but in fact. This team would have won great honors for itself on the gridiron had it not been for the detested "jinx" which also made itself evident during the basket ball season.

P. H. S. Basket Ball Season

The P. H. S. basketball season opened with a "bang", Dec. 14, 1918. Pittsfield defeating the Searles High School on her own floor, 34 to 21. This was the only game that Pittsfield won out of town, after that game the detested "jinx" followed Pittsfield every time it went visiting. There is one consolation, our team won every game it played on its own floor. That is a feat which other teams in the league could not accomplish. Pittsfield played sixteen games in all, out of these it won ten and lost six. On January 3, 1919, our team went to play Drury in North Adams. There Pittsfield received a raw deal at the hands of its up-county rival. The referee's decisions were none too fair. The referee was continually calling fouls on the Pittsfield team and was wont to overlook all fouls committed by the up-county team. Neutral spectators of the game will vouch for that statement.

I want to call the attention of our readers to the fact that the *Drury Academe* the Drury High School's paper, unjustly condemned the coach of our team and the team itself, for the reception which the Drury team received on its visit to Pittsfield. The trouble was that the up-county quintet wanted to give Pittsfield a raw deal on its own floor. Because they were unable to do this, they went away sore. Although their paper took the trouble of censuring our team and coach, still, we will not retaliate.

Our team was composed of men each of whom was worthy of his position. Britt and Quinn took care of the forward positions. They always gave as good a demonstration of basket ball as could be desired by the basket ball

fans. The center position was cared for by Hunt, in a manner which did him credit. The guard positions of the team were managed by Marshall Wood and "Butch" Naughton, in a manner which was always envied by the guards of every opposing team. During the season, Garbarino, Dillon, Gauley, Sundstrom, Fox and Fitzgerald, were also used in various positions. These men always gave a good account of themselves when they played. If it hadn't been that the detested "jinx" followed the Pittsfield team every time it went out of town to play, our team would have won the Berkshire County High School basket ball pennant.

The team wishes to give its thanks to Coach Charles Knight in appreciation of the coaching and advice received from him.

December 20, 1918, an election for basket ball manager was held. The candidates were Coulter, Kittredge and Albert. John Albert received 282 votes, Kittredge 248, and Coulter 200. Albert was elected manager.

P. H. S. vs. Searles H. S.

This was the opening game of the P. H. S. basket ball season. The game was played in Great Barrington. It was a hard-fought game throughout, but Pittsfield proved too much for Searles. Final score 34 to 21. Britt and Hunt featured for our school.

P. H. S. vs. Lenox Alumni

The Lenox Alumni was the next team to meet defeat at the hands of our team. The game was played on the Boys' Club floor. Although the Lenox Alumni were much heavier than our quintet, they were unable to come out winners. The closing score was Pittsfield 33, Lenox 26. Britt and Wood starred for Pittsfield.

P. H. S. vs. Lenox Alumni

The Lenox Alumni got revenge. Pittsfield was compelled to taste the sour grapes of defeat before the Lenox Alumni basket ball team at the town hall in Lenox. The main causes of Pittsfield's defeat were, the small court, the weight which the Lenox team had on Pittsfield and the unlucky streak which followed our team almost every time it played on enemy territory. The score was 28 to 8 in favor of Lenox. Britt was the highest scorer for Pittsfield.

P. H. S. vs. Drury H. S.

Our team received another defeat. The game was played on the Drury H. S. gymnasium in North Adams. The causes of our team's defeat were the Drury High School's cheering squad and the referee's poor decisions.

The referee disregarded justice in his decisions and thus favored Drury continually. The score was 21 to 16. Britt and Quinn were prominent for our team.

P. H. S. vs. Dalton H. S.

Dalton was the victor over Pittsfield in a game played at the Dalton Y. M. C. A. Our team was hampered by the continual cheering of the Dalton High School cheering squad. The Dalton cheering squad led our team to defeat and the Dalton High School to victory. Moral, we need a cheering squad. The final score was 15 to 4. Wood scored Pittsfield's lone basket.

P. H. S. vs. Lee H. S.

The Lee High School basket ball team beat the Pittsfield High School team in the Lee High School auditorium by a score of 29 to 18. The very small pit-like court which proved very restrictive to the movements of our representatives on the team, who were accustomed to playing in large gymnasiums compelled Pittsfield to accept defeat. Wood featured for Pittsfield.

P. H. S. vs. Adams H. S.

At last our team was able to gain another victory and break the unlucky streak. Pittsfield beat Adams on the Boys' Club floor by a score of 31 to 13. The game was close and interesting in the first half. The first half ended 9 to 7 in favor of Pittsfield. But in the second half, Pittsfield just simply walked away with the game. Our team gave a very fine exhibition of passing and accurate shooting in the last half. Quinn and Britt were both very conspicuous for Pittsfield.

P. H. S. vs. F. M. T. A.

Our team was the winner of a series with the F. M. T. A. basket ball team in two straight games. The first game ended 33 to 10 in favor of Pittsfield High School. In the first half the game had every indication of being stubbornly contested, but the tables turned in the second half in favor of our team and Pittsfield walked away with the game. W. Britt gave a brilliant exhibition of basket ball in this game.

The second game between the teams which was played on the Boys' Club floor was practically a repetition of the first. Our team came out a winner, 23 to 8. The F. M. T. A. team was no match for our team. Britt, Wood and Quinn, were the heavy scorers in this game.

P. H. S. vs. Williamstown H. S.

The Williamstown High School team won a victory over Pittsfield High School by a score of 24 to 17. This game was closely contested and very interesting throughout. Wood and Quinn featured for our team in this game.

P. H. S. vs. Drury H. S.

At last our team got revenge, she defeated her up-county rival on the Boys' Club floor by a score of 2 to 0. With but two minutes to play and the score 34 to 16 in favor of the Pittsfield High School, the Drury High School quintet left the floor and refused to play any longer. Since the game was forfeited the score stands as 2 to 0 instead of 34 to 16. Britt and Quinn were the high scorers for our team.

P. H. S. vs. Adams H. S.

The representatives of our school in basket ball received a defeat from the Adams High School. The game was played in Adams. This defeat for our team was unexpected even by Adams, but it goes to prove that our team did have an unlucky streak. Britt and Quinn starred for our team. Score 13 to 8.

P. H. S. vs. Dalton H. S.

Our team proved too hard a proposition for the Dalton High School basket ball team in a game played at the Boys' Club floor, Pittsfield winning by a score of 26 to 17. The game was close until the last ten minutes of play. Hunt was the heavy scorer for our team.

P. H. S. vs. Searles H. S.

The Pittsfield High School basket ball team proved too hard a nut to crack for the jaws of the Searles High School team in a game which was played on the Boys' Club floor. The score was 35 to 24 in favor of our team. The game was very interesting and exciting throughout. Naughton, Britt and Quinn excelled for Pittsfield.

P. H. S. Captures the City High School Honors

The Pittsfield High School basket ball team defeated the St. Joseph's High School five in the second and last game of the series at the F. M. T. A. gymnasium. The first game ended in favor of P. H. S., 22 to 13. The St. Joseph's team started off as though they were going to be the winners and led for the first seven minutes of the play, after which Pittsfield High, principally by the fine foul shooting of Ray Quinn who shot four goals from the foul line, tying the score at four all. Then the Pittsfield High School boys quickly forged to the front. Ganley soon found the hoop and caged seven

double counters during the game and Ray Quinn made 18 points including five goals from the foul line. The game was not especially interesting owing to the fact that it was a one-sided affair. The work of Garbarino and Naughton in the defensive position was quite prominent. While Mechan and McIntyre did the best work for the losers. Score, P. H. S. 34, St. Joseph's High 10.

The following will receive their P's: Wood, Quinn, Britt, Naughton, Hunt, Garbarino, Fitzgerald, Ganley, Sundstrom, Fox, Dillon, manager Albert and Coach Knight.

Summary of the Games

<i>P. H. S.</i>		<i>Opp.</i>
34	Searles	21
33	Lenox Alumni	26
8	Lenox Alumni	28
16	Drury	21
4	Dalton	15
18	Lee	29
31	Adams	13
33	F. M. T. A.	10
23	F. M. T. A.	8
17	Williamstown	24
36	Drury	16
8	Adams	13
26	Dalton	17
35	Searles	24
22	St. Joseph	13
34	St. Joseph	10
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378		288

Below is a list of the basket ball players who scored any points during the basket ball season.

<i>Player</i>	<i>No. of Games</i>	<i>Baskets</i>	<i>f. b.</i>	<i>total</i>
Britt	11	43	30	116
Quinn	16	47	18	112
Wood	11	22	8	52
Hunt	11	21	0	42
Ganley	10	20	0	40
Garbarino	5	1	0	2

In justice to "Butch" Naughton, space taken is to state that although he didn't score any points, he worked as hard if not harder than any other

member of the quintet. He always remembered that his main duty was to keep the ball out of the opposing school's representatives hands.

Athletic Notes

William Britt, captain of last season's basket ball team has left school. His absence from school is a great loss to the athletics of this school since he would have been used to great advantage on the baseball team.

"Pinky" Mangan and Fitzgerald deserve a great deal of credit for their work during the basket ball season. Although at certain times they were ineligible to play they reported regularly to give the first team practice.

Exchanges

The *Student's Pen* acknowledges the receipt of the following exchanges: *The Beacon*, Chester, Mass.; *The Crimson and White*, Albany, N. Y.; *The Oracle*, Athol, Mass.; *Kent Quarterly*, Kent, Conn.; *Dean Megaphone*, Franklin, Mass.

Although these papers are most of early issues we think that the student body would find them quite interesting. They are to be placed on file in the library.

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